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The Student Community Newspaper of George Brown College, Toronto

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When love calls, shut the door! We have just about everyone's idea of a good time for our LOVE issue:

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## VOTE, VOTE, VOTE!

"So, let's talk about love."  
Yeah, but hey, there are candidates for the Student Association elections.

"Huh?"  
There are a bunch of positions that the Student Association is holding elections for. "They got people to run? Why would anyone do that?"

Because they care about student issues. "What student issues?"  
Well, things like tuition increases. Students not being able to get their marks. Making sure that studying at this college is fun as well as educational. Stuff like that. They want to improve the Student Association."

"The what?"  
The organization you pay a fair chunk of cash to each year, to get different services. "I never use the services."

Oh? How about the Health Plan? The student lounges? The stores? Legal aid? Ever been to Orientation? To a pub? Ever had a problem with something and needed help?

"Yeah, okay, but why should students get involved?"

Think about it. No one else is going to

stand up and speak for students.

"Glad it's not me."  
That's why these candidates are so cool. Here are people willing to talk to classes, walk up to strangers and get them to vote.

"So, who are these crazy people?"  
If you check out page 13, you'll see them. "Okay, but what positions are there?"

Well, there's President. The person in that position oversees the Association, makes sure the finances are being taken care of, and works to get students involved and active. "Pretty intense. What else?"

There are the Campus Vice Presidents. They work on social events, make sure that students are represented on their campus, and work with the other student organizations.

"Is that it?"

No, there's also VP Education. The person in this position works hard to represent students with the different levels of government and with the Canadian Federation of Students. They're the people who deal with issues like tuition fees.

"Which just went up."

Yeah, the Board of Governors decided to raise them 10% next year.

"That sucks! So is that it for positions?"  
No, there are also volunteer positions for the Student Association Board of Directors. "So who are all the people running?"

Okay. For President, there's one candidate, Jerome Adamo. For VP Education, there are three: Javier Zarza, David MacDonald and Margaret Cameron. VP St. James also has three, Deb Sharpe, Jeremy Kunkel and Elizabeth Antunes. Two people for VP Casa Loma: Drew Sauveur and Luc de Bruin. And George Panagapka for the board member position for Community Services.

"Hey, I signed one of their nomination forms! Is that what this is all about?"

You bet. Keep an eye out for them. They'll be coming to talk to you.

"Yeah?"

Well, a lot of them will be talking to classes. There are also two candidate forums, one at Casa Loma on Thursday the 11th, and one at St. James on Wednesday the 17th at noon in the student lounges.

"Well, I'm going to see these crazy people." Hey, and vote on February 22, 23 and 24!

"Vote?!" Okay, okay! So, now, can we talk about LOVE?"

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You probably don't have to worry about your appliances. The Bug will hit only those that depend on dates to work properly. If you can unplug an appliance and then turn it back on without having to reset anything, it should be OK. None of your equipment should stop working

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## Letters

dear Fellow Students,  
I'm pissed off. I just hung up the phone with my father where the conversation led to how school was going. And, as the truth came out, I felt my entire body tense. It wasn't a stress from upcoming midterms. It was from everything that shouldn't bother me. And I'm sure I'm not the only freaking out right now. Maybe only one of you understands what I'm talking about.

How many of you have been less than satisfied with the experience that your \$2000 + has brought you so far at G.B.C.? I think a few more of you are catching my drift. For a school who has some of the best programs in Canada, and some unique ones, too, the administration sucks. Plain and simple. And you'd be lucky if you got a teacher who's a teacher and knows anything about the subject! I have a teacher who read the textbook a week before classes started! Speaking of textbooks, are you still waiting for the bookstore to get one of yours in? Join the club. Why is it that we get penalized if we hand in our assignments late, but if our teachers don't when they return assignments later than promised? I went to drop off my assignment to my teacher's receptionist as instructed yesterday, and he's still waiting for it. One of my teachers has only taught me one of the 6 sessions I was to have with her to this point. (In that session, she forgot the class list, had to go find chalk, and we watched a movie with little relevance to the subject matter. We also still have yet to receive a class outline). She's been a sick apparently. So, does the \$150 each student for the course not cover the cost of a substitute? And she says she'll make up the classes, or course on our time. Some of my class is pretty upset because they could have got exempted but didn't believe they should (or couldn't afford) the \$20/course exemption fee. So, what's the deal with that, anyway? I'm paying someone to assign a sheet of paper and enter it into the computer? And it's not even like we get a refund! Or like that money gets used for something to enhance our education - like chalk in all classrooms, or seats for all students. There seems to

a natural phenomenon at G.B.C. One that entails that we, as students, pay, as part of our tuition, student service fees yet we don't get the student services. Like, why is that we're paying a technology fee when Pine is too slow to keep up with any student's needs, the Internet is frequently down, and, at any given time, 10% of the computers in the lab are "Not Ready Yet". What about the administrative fee included in the student services? Shouldn't that cover the exemption fee? I'm paying for administration, yet if I'm not on a class list, once again I'm paying (\$125/course) even if it's "administration." (In my first semester here, I would have had to pay \$875 total as the college lost my money orders for two and a half months). And what kind of administration is it that sends out receipts without informing students what the extra \$157.23 (or however much) was for. (And it's nice to hear about this outstanding money in December, isn't it?) So far, only the Student Association Fee (including health plan) was worth of it. Not even my three years' worth of tuition competes. I mean, should I not be learning current, up-to-date material? Why, in my law class, do I learn legislation no longer in existence? Mind you, why should my professors stay current when the college, in general, doesn't? Did you know that Humber College had their reports mailed on December 23rd? It was, essentially, a three-day turnaround. Here we are, more than a month later, still waiting - someone trying to figure out if they're even in a program anymore! Why does the bookstore by your books back at 90-95% less the price you bought it at, then hike the price back up on resale? Why is it that the school seems to almost pride themselves on using American books when there are Canadian equals that are just as good (and tend to be cheaper, too). Why is it that students tend to spend class time filling out KPI's and teachers evaluate students, but no one is evaluating administration? Most organizations have supervisory feedback and customer feedback. Why is it that you will not find a box anywhere saying "Customer Suggestions"? Aren't we

customers? Why is it that the college teaches many students Professional Communications, yet the staff tends to lack the skills? I'd love to tell a few of them to take the course! Why is it that I received three copies of my timetable in the mail, when some of my classmates didn't get a copy of the timetable until substantially into the semester? And why is it that the staff of the college tend to take on a blasé "I-DON'T KNOW, I-JUST-WORK-HERE" attitude? (extremely frustrating when you just spent three and a half-hours in line). You know, I was just complaining to someone to tell them about my teacher who doesn't come to class (hey, does she lose participation marks, by the way?) and how I called the chairperson concerning this. It was saying that I didn't hear back from the chair; but I saw them walking down the hall, getting more coffee. Nice to know that there coffee is more important than 40 frustrated students. But the other person was saying that it was mandated for her to return phone calls within 36 hours. (Ah, unions...). Four days, and I'm still waiting. Why can't there be just a genuine interest in the success of students? Why is it about what the union says a member can get away with?

I could probably be going on forever. But I think I'm feeling a bit better, now, although I know it will only last until I set foot on campus again. But, I would like to end this general letter with a quote. On the front inside cover of George Brown College's 1999-2000 Full-Time Calendar, it is written: **"Here's where you can explore career paths, discover your talents, and develop your potential for success."**

Must be a different George Brown College.

### A Concerned Student.

P.S. If you are just as concerned as I am, write a letter to the Student Association, or attend a meeting of the Student Issues Committee or stop by the Student Association office for more information.

**A Message from your  
Student Association**

Dear fellow Students at George Brown College; The Student Association would like to publicly state our position on the college's proposed tuition fee increase for the 1999/2000 academic year.

The following motion was passed at our most recent Executive committee meeting held on Tuesday February 2, 1999:

■ Whereas, tuition fee increases are a barrier to accessibility for potential students to post secondary education studies; and,

Whereas, the Student Association is a member of the Canadian Federation of Students which has consistently called for an immediate tuition fee freeze; and,

Whereas, college tuition fees have increased by 147% in the past 10 years; and the average accumulated student debt load for a two year, college program graduate as of 1996/1997 is \$11,574.00 (not including post-diploma programs, and three year programs); and,

Whereas by the end of the current government's term in office, tuition will have increased by 53% - the largest increase ever by an Ontario Provincial Government; and,

Whereas changes to the Ontario Student Assistance plan has abandoned the rights of Part-time students, limited the allowable income a student can earn while in school and has massively decreased funding for students;

Be it resolved that the Student Association of George Brown College opposes tuition fee increases for the 1999/2000 academic year.

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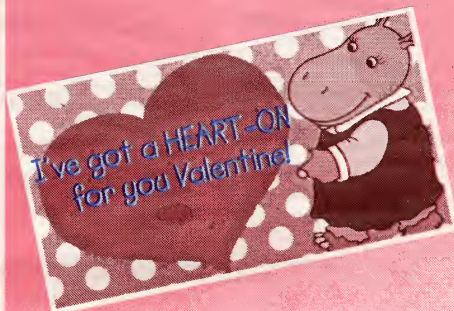




# Boni's Guide

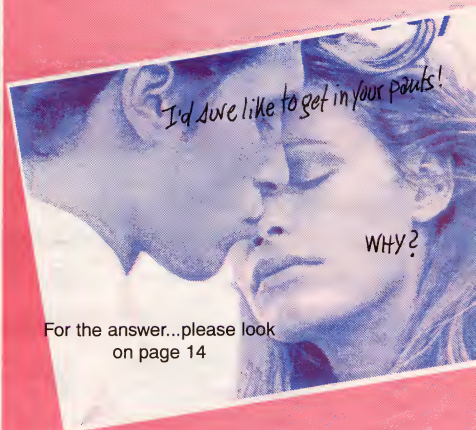
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**Translation:** Get that Sunshine poster off the kitchen wall, you se pig!



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For the answer...please look  
on page 14











**Seneca College on February 18&19**  
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by Jake the Biker

**L**isten up bikers! We have to take back the streets. The snow is almost gone and it's bikin' time. I'd like to start off this column with a quick review of the do's and don't of winter biking.

■ dress warmly. I'm big on Gortex. It breathes and I can pile on layers. I start with a t-shirt and underwear. If it is below -10, I put on long-johns too. All my undergarments are 100% cotton.

Next I pile on a shirt and pants. If it's really cold I may put on a sweater. Make sure it's 100% wool. On the outside I go with one of those woolly things like Pantagonia and a Gortex shell. If it is wet, I also add foul weather pants. My shell has a hood big enough to fit my helmet and I finish off with a pair of insulated leather gloves and shoes.

■ be very careful. Once the thermometer hits 1 or 2 degrees, the

water turns to ice and it freezes first on the inside lane. Bike advocates tell you that if you have a safety concern that you may take up a whole lane. My experience let's me that you might be better off using extreme caution. Don't trust anyone behind the wheel of a motorized vehicle, including my own mother. It's your life so be careful.

**I** be secure. I once tapped the window of a car parked in the bicycle lane and was chased for blocks by this maniac who would have dusted me if given half the chance. I now carry a phone and I am very cautious of anyone in a car.

## Don't

**I** take chances. You might be able to make the amber light, but is it worth it? Follow my golden rule. Don't get within a metre of a large vehicle. Most car/bike accidents involve buses and trucks. The drivers, although professionals, cannot see you and may not even notice they have driven over you.

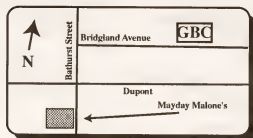
**I** make assumptions. Just because a car is not signalling a turn doesn't mean they won't make one. I have been driven around right hand corners many times by drivers who have not signalled their intentions. It is wise to assume that car drivers are either criminally inattentive or drunk. Don't trust them!

■ Well I bet you have lots of stories to tell. I've set up a special e-mail account for your feedback (sorry Boni). It is; [jake.dialog@mailexcite.com](mailto:jake.dialog@mailexcite.com). Use it and be safe!

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## ON CAMPUS



by Paul Ouimette



He and She  
at the movies

This is the time of flights of fancy, romantic dinners, lingering looks and mushy movies. She thinks that love is much overrated but sickeningly enough, He is in love with life and a certain someone so these critiques may be a bit skewed. Regardless, we have identified a few flicks that you may want to watch if you enjoy affairs of the heart.

**S**he said: This movie was cute. A movie about a glimpse into the lives and hearts of different couples, and how they all are intertwined. Couples meet, couples talk about love and why they can't do it, or don't have it, or need more of it, or got burned by it, or...like I said, a cute movie. I did get a toothache a few times due to the increased amount of saccharin® found in the dialogue. I mean, the scene in which Jolie and Phillippe profess their love for one another (as if that is giving anything away...did you think she would be hooking up with James Bond?) is in fact, bordering on the ludicrous. The cast of characters, though, is excellent

What does all this mean? A great date movie where the characters are interesting enough to overlook the severe side splitting cheesy love moments that the audience is inflicted with. Maybe I'm a being a tad harsh, but the sight of the fiercely beautiful pairing of actors Ryan Phillippe and Angelina Jolie, in a new Volkswagen® bug, after just coming from a rave bar, (see where I'm heading?) spouting mazzarella and limburger scented dialogue is a bit...to use a "nice" word...hilarious! But, all in all, the actors were able to pull it off, which,

Even though Eric Stoltz plays a guy on the wrong side of the in-crowd, not to mention the wrong side of the tracks; his best friend is a tomboy named Watts (Masterson) who is desperately in love with him; he is in love with a girl nobody thinks he can have (Thompson); and, to top it all off, his dream of an art career is not as important as his father's dream of a college education. Hopeless.

**Grade: A-**

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# Meet the candidates!



**Jerome Adamo**  
President

Hello everybody. My philosophy for success is my commitment to advocacy. I believe that students need to have consistent, year to year representation, and that advocacy is a process which needs a more consistent and comprehensive plan of action; something that we as college students don't always have the luxury of because we're here only 2-3 years.

I have spent one year now on your Student Association Board, and I have been an advocate for most of my life. I have experiences ranging from holding the position of chair of the student issues committee, meeting with government officials, and representing you within the Canadian Federation of Students. I want to return to serve you as President, so the Student Association can continue a plan of action where students are considered equal to administrators.

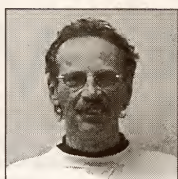


**Margaret Cameron**  
Vice President  
Education

I am a first year Community Worker student. My experience includes co-ordinating the Women's Centre at the Casa Loma campus, lobbying for changes to the E-course, and volunteering with a drug education program.

I will provide you with a voice through assisting the development of new and/or existing student groups. I will encourage students to participate on committees. I believe in access to education. This means I will fight tuition increases and advocate for quality improvements.

You can reach me by e-mail at mm\_cameron@hotmail.com with any questions.

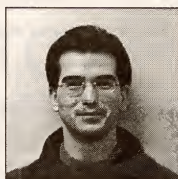


**David MacDonald**  
Vice President  
Education

Hello to all students! Since the fall of 1996, I have studied in the Human Services Counselling Program, and am now in first year Community Worker Program. I have been a Work Study student in the Community Services office at St. James campus. I also work as scorekeeper for the basketball and baseball teams.

My experiences have enabled me to help find answers for students who have questions, to make appropriate referrals and to act as a student advocate. I believe that "Knowledge is Power," and I feel my main mission will be to work for the students of this college to ensure that all have equal access to clear, correct information.

Issues: Tuition increases, still no government grants, exemption fees, E-course schedule, timetables, OSAP delays... WHY?



**Javier Zarazua**  
Vice President  
Education

I am a first year information technology student at the Casa Loma campus.

I am running for the position of Vice President of Education, since I want to represent the student voice.

I will have an open door policy throughout the year.

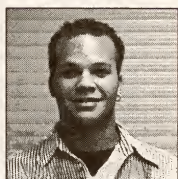
I will listen to what students want, about their needs and concerns.

I will be looking for solutions to the students' problems; I will make them be heard.

I will represent the student voice in the Canadian Federation of Students.

So on February 22 to 24, 1999, I expect you to come out and vote for me, Javier.

FOR VP OF EDUCATION VOTE JAVIER.



**Luc de Bruin**  
Vice President Casa  
Loma

I am in the General Arts and Science Program preparing to study theater. I would like to make my last year and yours a good one. I want to encourage participation. I would like to gain a valuable learning experience with my fellow students, and promote the positive attitude that we all share, to make our school a great, stress-free place to be. I am a responsible, highly motivated, well-organized individual, and an easy person to communicate with, who can get the message across. I feel that my performance background, interpersonal skills, and my enthusiastic personality, qualify me to represent you. Consider it a stage, and with your influence and help I can play my part. Let me represent you.



**Drew Sauveur**  
Vice President Casa  
Loma

I am a first year student at Casa Loma campus, and I am running for the position of Vice President of Casa Loma campus 1999-2000.

Many of you have already met me; I work in the Student Association office. Through speaking with students, I have had a chance to find out some of the concerns of the student body. I feel that through my current experience in the SA, and my involvement as Vice President, I will become the executive voice of the students. So, when you go to the polling station on February 22, 23 or 24, vote for me, Drew Sauveur!



**Elizabeth Antunes**  
Vice President St.  
James

HEY! OVER HERE! Glad to know you got to see one of my best assets at work—getting attention. That's what I'll do for you. If elected, I will ensure your academic issues get full attention. I want events and "goings-on" to be brought to your attention. I want all my attention and care placed on making your 1999-2000 school year one memorable year. As former VP of St. James (1997-1998), I know the requirements of the job, and am prepared to go the extra distance. So, if you want all this attention, vote Elizabeth Antunes for VP St. James.



**Jeremy Kunkel**  
Vice President St.  
James

Why me for VP? The answers are not that easy to express. I am running for St. James Campus Vice President not just because I have experience in high school politics, am familiar with public speaking or have such great ideas. I am running to represent "YOU" my fellow colleagues and your needs as students of George Brown College.

My involvement in the Community Worker Program has helped me to see GBC as one large and diverse community, with many different voices and ideas. I see my role as VP of St. James as being one of uniting students of the GBC, towards creating a school environment that is fun and enjoyable for all.



**Deb Sharpe**  
Vice President St.  
James

I'm studying community work at GBC. I'm planning to include nursing studies and I want to do health promotion when I grow up. I believe in rituals, good times with good music and good fun. Graduation should be special.

I will make St. James campus sing! Lots of good pubs, some free lunches, some plants. Want a radio station? I'll get you a radio station!

Thanks to all the folks who signed my nomination form. How encouraging it was for me to get to talk with so many smart, gorgeous young students.

Vote for me—We'll All Feel Mo' Better!



**George Panagapka**  
Board Member:  
Community Services

I am a first year Community Worker student. I have worked in the community for a number of years and wonder how I might best contribute to our school.

My qualifications include my work at the Community Social Planning Council of Toronto and sitting on the Board of Directors at Parkdale Community Health Centre.

I plan to work together with George Brown students to encourage their participation in student affairs. I propose three Town Hall meetings where student issues and concerns will be heard. A community-based college requires active student representation to accomplish its goals. I will bring your voices to the board and advocate on your behalf.

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## STUDENT ELECTIONS

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# VOTE

February  
22-24

# elvisLOG

**W**ell welcome to my world. So some of you don't understand this column? Come on, get off those cheap drugs. For the last time, we are two GBC students who disappeared last march before completing our courses. We have been in search of Elvis. Yes, Elvis Presley not that name stealing has-been skater.

Festis, my mind-numbing driving partner has been through many metamorphoses. Originally I blamed it on drugs and loss of sleep, but this guy definitely is one brick short of a load.

I think this would be a great TV show. Imagine that there are two people on this extended road trip, kinda like Route 66 only with drugs and sex. Instead of the Corvette®, they are driving a stolen tow truck. Now get this. Although one of the two characters is always played by the same actor, the other (the Festis character) is played by a different actor on each episode. This would only underline just how changeable the character is.

This would be a great opportunity for cameos too. It would be such a hot hit that big stars would be breaking their necks just to get on the show. Sometimes it could be a comedy and sometimes a mystery or a drama. I could write all the scripts 'cause I got a B+ in English eh?

So the other thing that bugs me is that the

editor dropped my column last issue.

Could you guys start phoning to complain, cause he'll keep doing it. He said there wasn't enough space and he would have to add four pages to fit us in. Well fuck! What are we anyway? We write this shit, we don't get a fuckin' penny for it and I have to put up with this bullshit.

So listen Elvis watchers. We think we have finally got somewhere. We are in Monterey, California and this burg has an Elvis convention. This is major league unreal, 'cause I've never seen so many dudes who look like Elvis.

You know me. It's almost Valentines Day and I'm kinda homesick. I get pretty horny when I even think of Elvis, so you could imagine what happens when there is a Holiday Inn® full of them! Multiple orgasms just doesn't quite do. I just have to meet a couple of them in the elevator and I'm doubled up in ecstasy. I'm ramming my clenched fist into the hand rail and I'm moaning like a cow in heat.

Needless to say, Festis is kinda pissed off at this cause he likes to play Elvis when we are in bed. I told him that no one gets an exclusive, even if they are a hunk of burning love.

So as February 14th approaches, I've got Festis pissed off at me, I coming in my pants in elevators and to make matters worse, I'm fantasizing about George Bush.

"Cause I came in mine."

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